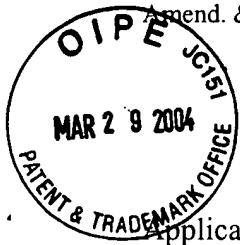


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This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003 for which the three-month date for response is March 31, 2004. This paper is being filed prior to that date.

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendment and to consider the following remarks.

The Applicants' Amendments to the claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Applicants' Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

The Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.